

SHORT TITLE: Health benefit plans; requiring certain policies, certificates and contracts which provide maternity benefits to provide inpatient coverage for certain minimum periods of time; codification; effective date.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 684

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to health benefit plans; requiring certain policies, certificates and contracts which provide maternity benefits to provide inpatient coverage for certain minimum periods of time; defining term; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6060.1 of Title 36, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Any health-benefit-plan policy, certificate, or contract issued or renewed on or after the effective date of this act that provides maternity coverage shall provide coverage for inpatient care for a mother and the newly born child for a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours after vaginal delivery and a minimum of ninety-six (96) hours after delivery by cesarean section.

B. For purposes of this section, "health benefit plan" means individual or group hospital or medical insurance coverage, a not-for-profit hospital service or medical indemnity plan, a prepaid health plan, a health maintenance organization plan, a preferred provider organization plan, coverage provided by a Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement (MEWA) or other arrangement to the extent

permitted by ERISA, or the State and Education Employees Group
Health Insurance Plan.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1996.

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